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**FIRE EXTINGUISHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING ACCOUNT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2002**

**Committee Goal:** To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

**Meeting Attendees**

Mike Richwine, Chairperson  
Patricia Sanchez, Vice Chairperson  
Mike Waldron, Program Coordinator  
Yevonne Costa, Program Assistant  
Mike Brand, Brandco Fire Equipment  
Chris Hoiland, CALSAFE  
John Finney, Department of Corrections Fire Department  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment  
Earl McDonald, So Cal Edison Co

**Members Absent**

Lowell Schuck, Solon Fire Control  
Barry Sigal, First in Fire Equipment Company  
Steve Locati, So Cal FPO  
Scott Corrin, University of California-Riverside  
Darrell Harguth, Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association  
Ralph Allen, CAL/OSHA  
Ken Hall, Torrance Fire Department  
Peter Bryan, Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department  
James Glew, Santa Monica Fire Department

**Guests**

Nancy Wolfe, Assistant State Fire Marshal  
Tony Guevara, SFM Technical Advisor  
Rodney Slaughter, Title 19 Regulations Coordinator  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell  
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire & Safety

### **Opening Remarks**

Mike Richwine called the meeting to order at 10:00 a. m. at the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The roll was called but a quorum was not established.

### **Introductions and Announcements**

Mike Richwine introduced himself to the committee and the committee made self-introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from December 6, 2001 had to be tabled for approval until the next meeting since a quorum had not been established.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

1. **Regulations Subcommittee-** nothing to report.
2. **Class "K" Fire Extinguisher Subcommittee-** nothing to report.

### **Collar Tag Material Format**

Two ongoing problems with the current material are durability and environmental exposure it seems that extreme exposure to the sun as well as salt water are causing the tags to break down. Member Brand will investigate possible solutions.

### **Title 19 Regulation Changes**

Rodney Slaughter, SFM Title 19 Coordinator gave an overview of what the current status is regarding possible upcoming changes to Title 19. He spoke about the 45-day comment period as well as the two public hearings that were held in Sacramento and West Covina, which was rescheduled and held in Van Nuys, to accommodate a larger audience. The written comment period was extended to allow for the rescheduling of the second hearing. Many responses were received. Rodney handed out copies of the *FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS* summarizing the comments that were received during the initial notice period of April 19, 2002 through July 19, 2002. Many issues that were commented on have been sent back to this committee for further development/discussion. Committee decided to create smaller sub-committee's so that these existing issues can be resolved. Full membership must be present to create sub-committees.

**Action Item:** Create sub-committees.

### **Investigations**

Tony Guevara gave an update on the investigations currently in progress in the Fire Extinguisher Program at this time. Seventy two investigations have been conducted this year. Our office is currently working with other enforcement agencies to make changes to our policy regarding enforcement and investigative actions. There is still a lot of work ahead of us to get to the conclusion we are looking for.

### **Billing Error Notice**

Advisory Committee was told of the billing error that occurred this renewal period. The problem has been corrected and all fees will be collected.

### **Unresolved Issues**

There were three issues raised at the meeting today that will need to go to the subcommittees for review.

1. Due to changes of Title 19 qualifications have changed regarding Type F License.
2. The liability implications associated with the writing of reciprocal agreement letters.
3. Testing/Training.

### **Set Future Meeting Dates**

The meeting dates for the upcoming year are as follows:

Tuesday, February 25, 2003  
Tuesday, May 13, 2003  
Tuesday, July 29, 2003  
Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Meetings tentatively set for 10 a.m. in the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.